

Examiner's Amendment

An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ms. Linda D. Birch on January 11, 2006.

The instant specification of this application has been amended as follows:

- Page 5, line 18, replacing the word ~ "hydroyxethyl"~ with "hydroxyethyl".
- Page 5, line 38, replacing the first occurrence of word ~ "birefrigence"~ with "birefringence".

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Jiang, whose telephone number is (571)272-0627. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:00 to 5:00.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Anna Jiang', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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